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| <ol> <li>Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office         <ul> <li>(a)  A reply was received on (with a Certificate of N period for reply (including a total extension of time of</li> <li>(b)  A proposed reply was received on, but it does</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | failing or Transmission dated<br>month(s)) which expired on | ·   |  |  |  |  |
| (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 (  | Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee);                         |   |  |  |  |  |
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| (d) No reply has been received.   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-8  |   | the statutory period of three months            |  |  |  |  |
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| <ol> <li>The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the<br/>the applicants.</li> </ol>  | e attorney or agent of record, the ass                      | ignee of the entire interest, or all of         |  |  |  |  |
| 5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.  | attorney or agent (acting in a repres                       | entative capacity under 37 CFR                  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interfer of the decision has expired and there are no allowed clair  |   | e the period for seeking court review           |  |  |  |  |
| 7. The reason(s) below:   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Abandonment was verified by Jennifer Stewart on 8   | s/18/2006   |   |  |  |  |  |
|   |   | Matthew D. Anderson Supervisory Patent Examiner |  |  |  |  |
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